IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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ORIENTED SINTERED CERAMIC PRODUCT AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4. (Amended) An oriented sintered ceramic product obtained by the manufacturing method as defined in claim 1.

Please add new claims 10 and 11 as follows:

--10. (New) An oriented sintered ceramic product obtained by the manufacturing method as defined in claim 2.

11. (New) An oriented sintered ceramic product obtained by the manufacturing method as defined in claim 3.--